



Recommendation for Action

File #: 19-3157, **Agenda Item #:** 142.

9/19/2019

Posting Language

Approve an ordinance vacating and conveying approximately 4.341 acres of right-of-way located between 1800 and 2200 Red River Street to the Board of Regents of the University of Texas System ("University"), in exchange for the University's conveyance to the City of (1) a street easement on a 4.516 acre tract of land generally located west of the existing Red River right-of-way between E. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and E. Dean Keeton Street as a realignment of Red River Street and (2) fee simple title to a 0.144 acre tract of land generally located at the intersection of Red River Street and Medical Arts Street.

Lead Department

Office of Real Estate Services.

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

August 29, 2013: Council approved the vacation of a tract of land in exchange for right-of-way as a realignment of Red River Street between East 15th Street and East Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd and authorized execution of an Interlocal agreement with the University of Texas related to the realignment

February 7, 2019: Council approved the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal agreement with the University relating to the realignment of portions of Red River Street

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Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:

Memorandum to file dated September 10, 2019 from Richard Mendoza, Director, Department of Public Works, no Commissions required.

Additional Backup Information:

The right of way vacation request consists of Tract 1: 0.238 of an acre and Tract 2: 4.103 acres, for a total of 4.341 acres. The tracts are located between 1800 and 2200 Red River Street in the City of Austin, Travis County, Texas. Abutting property is owned by The Board of Regents, University of Texas Systems.

Tract 1 was acquired by ordinance number 20130829-036; Street Deed recorded in document number 2014127921. Tract 2 was obtained by Street Deed, Volume 5077, Page 1757.

The right of way to be conveyed to the City by the University for the new alignment of Red River Street consists of Tract 1: 4.516 acres and Tract 2: 0.144 of an acre, for a total of 4.660 acres.

An Interlocal Cooperation Agreement ("Agreement") between the University and the City was negotiated and signed effective August 30, 2019. The area being vacated is for the development of a new sports and events

arena. In return, the University will convey a street easement to the City to allow for a realignment of Red River Street which will restore this portion of Red River Street to its historical alignment. The Agreement identifies management of specific utility corridors within the right of way and the realigned roadway.

All affected City departments and utility franchise holders have reviewed the right of way vacation request and recommend approval. Existing utilities have been identified and will require relocation as part of the roadway realignment. The University will be responsible for the design, reconstruction of utilities, roadways and sidewalks within the project limits and further described within the Agreement. The current alignment of Red River will not be vacated until the new alignment is completed, inspected and approved by the City.

The University owns all property within 300 feet of the vacation tract. Per policy, appropriate neighborhood associations were notified of the right of way vacation on August 23, 2019. No objections were received by the Office of Real Estate Services.